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DEVICE USING THE MIRROR BODY

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5. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 4-331763, published November 19, 1992, with English abstract.

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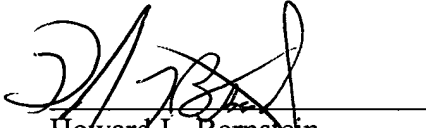
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